

The Lion's Roar

Mumblings from across the desk in the den of the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch

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Presidents Report

Welcome to Spring and didn't mother nature remind us she is still in charge. At least she got it out of the way early on and our summer is looking real good for car enthusiasts like ourselves to enjoy our cars. Bring on the fine weather!

For everyone that was able to make it to our A.G.M, you will have seen that we have had a changing of some of our executive committee.

President is now Shane Genet, Treasurer is Alicia Batey, with Alistair Joseph continuing his fantastic job as Secretary for one more year. Sarah McKenzie is re-elected as Club Captain, a role she performs incredibly efficiently, and Whare has been re-elected for another year as Editor. I have accepted the position of Vice President and look forward to assisting Shane whenever he needs it.

The rest of our committee is made up of a great crew, Denny Ryan, Robyn Cameron, Tim Harris, and new committee members Pam Stickleman, Allan Buckingham, and Julia Joseph.

I am sure you all will join me firstly, in thanking our 2021/2022 committee for their incredible work over the past year, and secondly, in welcoming our new committee. Sadly, we lose Joshua Bentham from our committee this year, as he stands down to concentrate on his business, and have a well-deserved break. Thank you for all your effort and personal assistance to me over the last three years.

This month we also welcome new member Mark Gerken, who drives a 1993 VP Commodore SS, to the club.

Next month sees the return of the All Oz Car Show & Cruise which is our premier event. Volunteers are needed to ensure the success of the car show, even if you can only spare an hour or two, please let the committee know and we will gratefully find a role for you.

Subs are now due and are still the same price as they have been for many years, so please don't forget to pay promptly (use your name and 'Subs' as a reference). Sales of our club merchandise help to keep our subs low, so see Sarah for hoodies, polos, keyrings, Picnic blankets, rego holders, and a limited number of Holden, Our Own books.

*Allan
Vice President*

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Game Over - Karting

Sunday, 14th, August, 2022

The weather was nice, sunny, and pleasantly warm. Some cars meet for a cruise as a warmup to the karting event, meeting at Bunnings Russley Road. The cruise went around McLeans Island, out West Melton, across to Rolleston and in on the Motorway to Brougham Street until we got to the Game Over Karting venue.

There was a good turnout of 16 people who raced the karts, and a good amount of spectators supporting too. Game Over had been open less than a month. It was a flash new place with lots of bright lights around the track. The karts were battery electric karts. With enough people we split into two groups for racing on the track at a time.

You went to the safety meeting first with the Game Over Staff. Then once kitted up with a helmet you got set up in your allocated Kart.

I hoped to be of benefit to go in the second group. That wasn't to be but it was all in good fun. There weren't any crashes and I only saw one kart facing the wrong way around the track. But that quickly and safely got sorted.

You had to decide if you were best to use your brakes leading up to corners, or otherwise just take your foot off the accelerator to slow down. People still managed to be passing people. On the straights, on corners, tight in and also driving around other karts at times.

No rest for me. With some people only doing one round of racing meant I went straight from one Kart for another for my second race.

Then after the racing we got to compare notes on how it went, complain on what was sore body parts wise, or try to explain why some karts were faster than others. But it was good to have a yarn after the race before we went our separate ways home.

It was a fun time racing you are allowed to do.



Alicia

Top 6 times were:

That-hoggie guy	28.181
Sam	28.192
Redline	28.267
Fox	28.568
Josh	28.619



BATHURST

Watch the BIG RACE with your host Allan Buckingham!

Join fellow HECC members at Al's for another round of the Supercars Championship and witness Shane Van Gisbergen continue his domination of 2022!

@ Al's

Details only available when you RSVP the club email (general@holdenclub.co.nz), or from your host.



Presale offer exclusive to HECC club members and their families...

All Oz Car Show Raffle!

Prizes:

1. Personalised Plate 'AHOLDN'
2. Wheel Alignment
3. Wheel Alignment
4. HECC Blanket, Rego pouch, Key ring, Number plate surround
5. HECC Blanket, Rego pouch, Key ring

\$10 per ticket (400 tickets), drawn on 16th October 2022, 1:30pm at the All Oz Car Show.

You must be present on the day to claim your prize. All proceeds go to New Zealand Riding for the Disabled - Christchurch

See a committee member to purchase tickets.





ALL OZ CAR SHOW CHRISTCHURCH

CORDE

**Saturday 15th October 2022
Evening Cruise**

Two start points: A) Bishopdale Village Mall, Farrington Ave/Harewood Rd
B) New World, Halswell Road/Nicholls Road, Halswell
Time: 5.30pm meeting time with 6pm departure
Combined conclusion of cruise is at
Mitre 10 Mega Carpark, Ferrymead
Open to all Australian cars and the public

**Sunday 16th October 2022
Car Show**




From 10am to 2pm; A&P Showgrounds, Curletts Rd, Christchurch
Open to all Australian cars and the public
Gold coin donation for spectators; \$10 entry per display car
Prizegiving at 1.30pm

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Organised by the
Holden Enthusiasts
Club Christchurch

 Follow our Facebook events page for more information
All Oz Car Show Christchurch or Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch
For further information please contact us on general@holdenclub.co.nz



To place an order, email:
general@holdenclub.co.nz

'This book is fascinating reading.'
John Williamson AM

'It is a must-have addition to any automotive library.'
Mark Behr, Executive Marketing Manager – Shannons

'A unique perspective on the history of the Holden family
and its long association with the Holden company.'
Hon. Paul Fletcher MP Minister for Communications,
Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

HOLDEN our own

Author:	William James Holden
ISBN:	9781922615503
Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Release date:	November 2021
Format:	Hardback
Pages:	206 pages

The Holden family's story

Key Selling Points:

- The first and only book to be written by a member of the Holden dynasty
- A complete and informative compendium of one of the world's famous automotive marques worthy of a place in any car museum, private collection, library or home
- An accurate account of the car company that has shaped Australia in so many ways, for so long
- Includes never-before-told, myth-busting facts about the Holden family, car and story
- Supported by a national PR and media campaign.

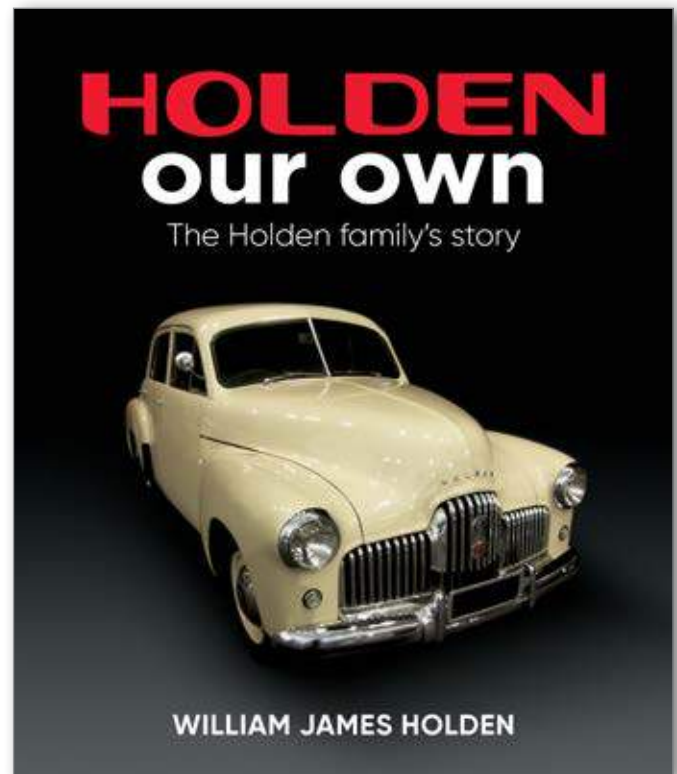
About the Book

Take a drive down memory lane ...

A small leather goods and harness-making shop in England became a fledgling horse-drawn carriage and coach-building business in colonial South Australia. It then morphed into Holden, a multinational company and a much-loved Australian icon. Holden endured through overwhelming wartime hardships, depression and adversity to be a respected marque of the Australia automotive industry and recognised around the globe.

In this thoroughly researched book, author William Holden goes deep to examine the key branches of the Holden family tree and the Holden car story. *HOLDEN our own* explores the history, events and personalities that created the Holden business – from its birth to its ultimate sale to automotive giant General Motors and beyond – all through the lens of the Holden family dynasty.

This book is a rare offering not only for the motoring enthusiast and Holden aficionados and historians but for every true and proud Australian.



About the Author

William James Holden was born in East Melbourne. His first involvement with General Motors-Holden's Ltd. came during his years at university when he performed a wide range of maintenance work on plant and equipment at both Fishermans Bend and Dandenong. His first white collar job was as an engineer in the company's Central Laboratory. He is the last member of the legendary Holden Family who has worked in the automobile industry founded by his family and who bears the Holden name. He and his lovely wife Rosario have two wonderful daughters and now a grandson. And yes, he does drive a Holden. Always has.

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EVENT LIST

Note:

- *Covid Alert Levels may affect events at any time,
- *Club meetings may be held online (tba via email),
- *Always refer to the organiser of the event for the most up-to-date information

September

- 6th** HECC Meeting & AGM
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 18th** Cruise to Waipara for a BBQ lunch via Weka Pass Railway,
See holdenclub.co.nz or our Facebook page for further details.
Meet at Supercheap Cranford St 9:45am
- 21st** VCC Daffodil Rally
Check details with the organiser (VCC)
(This is not a HECC organised event)

October

- 4th** HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 9th** Bathurst at Big Als
A get together for the big race!
Email general@holdenclub.co.nz for details!
- 7-9th** VCC Swap Meet
HECC to attend. Refer VCC for other details
- 15th** All Oz Cruise
a) Start at Bishopdale Village Mall
b) New World Halswell Road
(5:30pm meet, 6pm leave)
- 16th** All Oz Car Show
A&P Showgrounds, Curletts Road
10am - 2pm

November

- 1st** HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

- 6th** HECC Show & Shine

December

- 4th** Christmas Meal & Awards
- 6th** HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

*Events are current at time of publishing.
Always check with the organiser of the event for the most up to date information!*

FOR SALE

HECC Clothing & Merchandise:

Razor Polo (light)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
Piping Polo (thick)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
Hoodie (zip)	\$65.00	(Unisex)
HECC Stickers	\$ 5.00	
HECC Sashes	\$20.00	
HECC Cups	\$ 2.50	
HECC Keyring	\$10.00	
HECC Blanket	\$25.00	
HECC Registration pouch	\$10.00	

Contact a committee member for further details.



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*If you have any issues, you can contact us directly.
We are all willing to answer, or talk through any questions you may have.*

